

Matter 10**Q10.3*****Paragraph 14.8 of Plan:***

The name Blakedown Brook is unclear, as it could refer to either of two brooks that converge at Blakedown.

The correct name of the brook that rises in Hagley and flows through Broadwaters is Wannerton Brook. It occurs as *Wenferth* in the Saxon bounds of Wolverley: D. Hooke, *Anglo-Saxon Charters of Worcestershire* (Boydell Press 1990), 124. It is also called Broadwaters Brook. Either name would be acceptable. The name is also used in publications on mills along the brook listed in appendices.

This assumes that the Plan does not mean the brook, which rises at Yieldingtree and runs through Ladies Pool, Forge Pool, and Swan Pool at Blakedown, forming the ancient boundary between Blakedown (once part of Hagley) and land once in the east Foreign of Kidderminster.

It is commonly the case that brooks have lost their names, these not having been recorded by Ordnance Survey. If the Council is following what the Environment Agency call the brook, this would seem to show that the Agency is ignorant of its name, an error that the Council should not repeat.

This is a minor amendment, which we hope the Council can accept.

Appendices

Modern evidence for name (extracts from publications submitted as separate files.

Appendix 1: Tom Pagett *et al*, *Water mill sites in north Worcestershire*, (Hagley Historical and Field Society, Hagley, Worcestershire 1993).

Appendix 2: H.W. Gwilliam, 'Mills and forges on the Wannerton Brook in north Worcestershire', *Wind and Water Mills*, 2 (1981), 20-31.

Note: I have my own copies of both. Other copies should be available in Kidderminster Library's Local Collection.